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Notice of Allowance dated April 20, 2004  
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 dated July 14, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. GJH-0017 (P1998J0107C)

**REMARKS**

Applicants request entry under C.F.R. § 1.312 of the instant amendments to claims 10, 11, and 12 in the referenced application and cancellation of redundant claim 27. The amendments correct obvious typographical informalities in the claims and do not change the scope of the claims.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 714.16, applicants state that:

(A) the amendments are needed to correct obvious typographical informalities in claims 10, 11 and 12;

(B) the proposed amendments require no additional search or examination because the amendments merely correct dependency of claims 10, 11, and 12 and cancel a redundant claim;

(C) claims 10, 11, and 12, as amended, are patentable because original claims 10, 11, and 12 have been found to be patentable, and the amendments solely correct typographical informalities; and

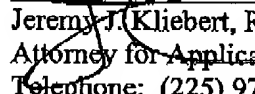
(D) the amendments were not submitted earlier because applicants did not recognize their typographical informalities until after their receipt of the Examiner's Notice of Allowability.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendments to claims 10, 11, and 12 in the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted:

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